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RAILWAYS
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SURPRISE CHECKS IN RAILWAY KITCHEN .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during surprise checks in Railway kitchens it was found that none of them were following the standards set up by Railway Catering Policy on personal hygiene and food safety;

(b) whether food poisoning are in the Calcutta − Delhi Rajdhani Express was reported in July this year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to improve the working of Railway Kitchens and catering services in trains ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Base kitchens are following the prescribed norms.

(b) & (c) It was brought to the notice of railway administration that on 04.07.2001, five passengers of 2305 Howrah − New Delhi Rajdhani Express boarded at Patna reportedly experienced discomfort after taking meals. But no conclusive proof of food poisoning was established. To reduce lead time between preparation and service of meals, it has been decided to pick up food from Patna Base kitchen for the passengers boarding from Patna station on 2305 Rajdhani Express train. In addition to regular upgrading of the working of base kitchens and on board catering services through inspections, counseling and training, intensive drives were also held from time to time to improve quality of catering services.